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SUBJECT: WHAT NIGERIAN THOUGHT OF THE CARTER VISIT

1. ACCORDING TO A SURVEY PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 5 DAILY TIMES, NIGERIANS REACTED POSITIVELY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO LAGOS. IN PARTICULAR, THEY EXPECT NIGERIA TO BENEFIT FROM THE VISIT, SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREAS OF TRADE, TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE, NIGERIANS DID NOT FEEL THAT THE VISIT WOULD LEAD TO "A LASTING SOLUTION" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DOUBTED THE NECESSITY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO HAVE A "500 MAN ENTOURAGE."

2. FULLY SURVEY RESULTS:
QUESTIONS YES NO DON'T KNOW

--ARE YOU AWARE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA? 98 1 --

--WILL NIGERIA BENEFIT FROM
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THE VISIT? 87 8 4
--WILL THE VISIT LEAD TO A LAST-
ING SOLUTION TO APARTHEID IN
SOUTH AFRICA? 23 49 27
--DO YOU THINK THE U.S. WAS
SERIOUS ABOUT COOPERATING
WITH NIGERIA ECONOMICALLY? 67 14 18

--DO YOU THINK NIGERIA WILL
BENEFIT TECHNOLOGICALLY FROM
THE U.S.A. 78 12 9
--WILL BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES INCREASE? 80 14 5
--WILL THE ECONOMIES OF BOTH
COUNTRIES BENEFIT FROM THE
GROWING RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO? 79 4 16
--DO YOU THINK PRESIDENT CARTER
WAS HERE SIMPLY TO PROPAGATE
CAPITALISM? 18 63 16
--WAS IT NECESSARY FOR PRESIDENT
CARTER TO HAVE COME WITH
A 500-MAN ENTOURAGE? 24 64 10
--WAS PRESIDENT CARTER SINCERE IN
HIS PRAISES SHOWERED ON NIGERIA 41 30 18

3. ACCORDING TO THE DAILY TIMES, NIGERIAN
ENTHUSIASM FOR THE CARTER VISIT WAS "QUITE UNLIKE
THE APATHY DISPLAYED BY THE AMERICANS WHEN LT.
GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO VISITED THE UNITED STATES
IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR." ON THE 500-MAN ENTOURAGE,
THE TIMES OBSERVED, "IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT
NIGERIAN THINK THAT SUCH A LARGE CONTINGENT
MUST UNAVOIDABLY INCLUDE SPIES WHO COULD
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CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO OUR NATIONAL
SECURITY." FINALLY, THE TIMES GIVES A PAT ON
THE BACK TO THE NIGERIAN PRESS "FOR A JOB WELL
DONE, UNLIKE ITS AMERICAN COUNTERPART "THAT
WENT BLIND, DEAF, AND DUMB LAST OCTOBER."

4. COMMENT: THE SURVEY RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
USED IN THIS SURVEY IS OBVIOUSLY INADEQUATE
WITH A SAMPLE OF ONLY 99 PEOPLE IN LAGOS WHICH WE DOUBT WAS
SELECTED ON A SCIENTIFICALLY RANDOM BASIS.
NEVERTHELESS, THE RESULTS ARE CONGRUENT WITH
OUR OWN SUBJECTIVE IMPRESSIONS THAT NIGERIAN
WERE AWARE OF THE VISIT, REACTED POSITIVELY TO
IT, BUT DO NOT EXPECT ANY MIRACLES TO RESULT
FROM IT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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